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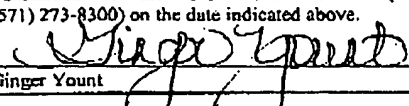
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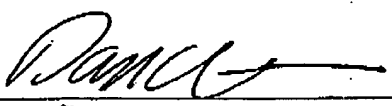
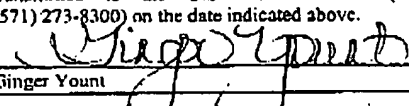
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Filing Date: February 17, 2004
Title: HIGH-PRESSURE EXPLOSIVE RETENTION DEVICE

1. Amendment Transmittal (in duplicate); and
2. Reply to Office Action Mailed October 12, 2006.

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Invention: High-Pressure Explosive Retention Device					
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 12, 2006

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 12, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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